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**Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain
Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and
the Virgin Islands**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits of mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the

Virgin Islands; youth waterfowl day; and some extended falconry seasons. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits taking of designated species during the 2015–16 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 1, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations during normal business hours at the Service’s office at 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia. You may obtain copies of referenced reports from the street address above, or from the Division of Migratory Bird Management’s web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>, or at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2014–0064.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations Schedule for 2015

On April 13, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 19852) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process, and addressed the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for hunting migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. Major steps in the 2015–16 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and **Federal Register** notifications were also identified in the April 13 proposed rule. Further, we explained

that all sections of subsequent documents outlining hunting frameworks and guidelines were organized under numbered headings. Subsequent documents will refer only to numbered items requiring attention. Therefore, it is important to note that we omit those items requiring no attention, and remaining numbered items might be discontinuous or appear incomplete.

On June 11, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 33223) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. The June 11 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2015–16 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 24–25, 2015, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants at which participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed 2015–16 migratory game bird regulations recommendations for these species plus regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; special September waterfowl seasons in designated States; special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway; and extended falconry seasons. In addition, we reviewed and discussed preliminary information on the status of waterfowl. We published the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations in a July 21, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 43266) and final frameworks in an August 21, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 51090).

On July 29–30, 2015, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants at which the participants reviewed the status of waterfowl and developed recommendations for the 2015–16 regulations for these species. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. We

published the proposed frameworks for late-season regulations (primarily hunting seasons that start after October 1 and most waterfowl seasons) in an August 25, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 51658).

The final rule described here is the sixth in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; youth waterfowl hunting day; and some extended falconry seasons. This final rule is the culmination of the rulemaking process for the migratory game bird early hunting seasons, which started with the April 13 proposed rule. As discussed elsewhere in this document, we supplemented that proposal on June 11 and July 21, and published final early-season frameworks in an August 21, 2015, **Federal Register** that provided the season selection criteria from which the States selected these seasons. This final rule sets the migratory game bird early hunting seasons based on that input from the States. We previously addressed all comments pertaining to early season issues in that August 21 **Federal Register**.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The programmatic document, “Second Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (EIS 20130139),” filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 24, 2013, addresses

NEPA compliance by the Service for issuance of the annual framework regulations for hunting of migratory game bird species. We published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2013 (78 FR 32686), and our Record of Decision on July 26, 2013 (78 FR 45376). We also address NEPA compliance for waterfowl hunting frameworks through the annual preparation of separate environmental assessments, the most recent being “Duck Hunting Regulations for 2015–16,” with its corresponding August 2015 finding of no significant impact. In addition, an August 1985 environmental assessment entitled “Guidelines for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands” is available from the person indicated under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), provides that, “The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act” (and) shall “insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out * * * is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat. * * *.”

Consequently, we conducted formal consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion, which concluded that the regulations are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed, and the

final regulations reflect any such modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from this section 7 consultation are public documents available at the address indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

Executive Order 12866 provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) will review all significant rules. OIRA has reviewed this rule and has determined that this rule is significant because it would have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy.

Executive Order 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866 while calling for improvements in the nation's regulatory system to promote predictability, to reduce uncertainty, and to use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. The executive order directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that regulations must be based on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. We have developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements.

An updated economic analysis was prepared for the 2013–14 season. This analysis was based on data from the newly released 2011 National Hunting and Fishing Survey, the most recent year for which data are available (see discussion in **Regulatory Flexibility Act** section below). This analysis estimated consumer surplus for three alternatives for duck hunting (estimates for other species are not quantified due to lack of data). The alternatives were: (1) issue restrictive regulations allowing fewer days than those issued during the 2012–13 season, (2) issue moderate

regulations allowing more days than those in alternative 1, and (3) issue liberal regulations identical to the regulations in the 2012–13 season. For the 2013–14 season, we chose Alternative 3, with an estimated consumer surplus across all flyways of \$317.8–\$416.8 million. For the 2015–16 season, we have also chosen alternative 3. We also chose alternative 3 for the 2009–10, the 2010–11, the 2011–12, the 2012–13, and the 2014–15 seasons. The 2013–14 analysis is part of the record for this rule and is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2014–0064.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The annual migratory bird hunting regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). We analyzed the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities in detail as part of the 1981 cost-benefit analysis. This analysis was revised annually from 1990–95. In 1995, the Service issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis), which was subsequently updated in 1996, 1998, 2004, 2008, and 2013. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey, which is conducted at 5-year intervals. The 2013 Analysis was based on the 2011 National Hunting and Fishing Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce's County Business Patterns, from which it was estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend approximately \$1.5 billion at small businesses in 2013. Copies of the Analysis are available at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2014–0064.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the reasons outlined above, this rule will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this rule establishes hunting seasons, we are not deferring the effective date under the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not contain any new information collection that requires approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. OMB has reviewed and approved the information collection requirements associated with migratory bird surveys and assigned the following OMB control numbers:

- 1018-0019—North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey (expires 4/30/2015).
- 1018-0023—Migratory Bird Surveys (expires 6/30/2017). Includes Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program, Migratory Bird Hunter Surveys, Sandhill Crane Survey, and Parts Collection Survey.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

We have determined and certify, in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1502 *et seq.*, that this rulemaking will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on local or State government or private entities. Therefore, this rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988

The Department, in promulgating this rule, has determined that this rule will not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, this rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711), does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. This rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this rule allows hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges and, therefore, reduces restrictions on the use of private and public property.

Energy Effects—Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, it is not expected to adversely affect energy supplies, distribution, or use. Thus, this action is not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribes

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments" (59 FR 22951), Executive Order 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally-recognized Indian tribes and have

determined that there are no effects on Indian trust resources. However, in the April 13 **Federal Register**, we solicited proposals for special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2015–16 migratory bird hunting season. The resulting proposals were contained in a separate August 4, 2015, proposed rule (80 FR 46218). By virtue of these actions, we have consulted with Tribes.

Federalism Effects

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. We annually prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections regarding the hunting of migratory birds, and we employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Any State or Indian tribe may be more restrictive than the Federal frameworks at any time. The frameworks are developed in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This process allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will make selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulations. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Review of Public Comments

The preliminary proposed rulemaking (April 13 **Federal Register**) opened the public comment period for 2015–16 migratory game bird hunting regulations. We previously addressed all comments pertaining to early season issues in the August 21, 2015, **Federal Register**.

Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, we intend that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, we recognized that, when the comment period closed, time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, States would have insufficient time to select season dates and limits; to communicate those selections to us; and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. We find that “good cause” exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and therefore, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended (16 U.S.C. 703–711), these regulations will take effect less than 30 days after publication. Accordingly, with each conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State or Territory on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K, are hereby amended as set forth below.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Dated: August 26, 2015

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Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 20 — [AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 40 Stat. 755, 16 U.S.C. 703–712; Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 742 a–j; Public Law 106–108, 113 Stat. 1491, Note Following 16 U.S.C. 703.

NOTE — The following annual hunting regulations provided for by §§ 20.101 through 20.106 and 20.109 of 50 CFR 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

2. Section 20.101 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.101 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

CHECK COMMONWEALTH REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Puerto Rico.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Doves and Pigeons</u>			
Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves (1)	Sept. 5-Nov. 2	20	20
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 5-Nov. 2	5	5
Ducks	Nov. 14-Dec. 21 &	6	12
	Jan. 9-Jan. 25	6	12
Common Moorhens	Nov. 14-Dec. 21 &	6	12
	Jan. 9-Jan. 25	6	12
Common Snipe	Nov. 14-Dec. 21 &	8	16
	Jan. 9-Jan. 25	8	16

(1) Not more than 10 Zenaida and 3 mourning doves in the aggregate.

Restrictions: In Puerto Rico, the season is closed on the ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, purple gallinule, American coot, Caribbean coot, white-crowned pigeon, and plain pigeon.

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090).

(b) Virgin Islands.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zenaida doves	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	10

Restrictions: In the Virgin Islands, the seasons are closed for ground or quail doves, pigeons, ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, and purple gallinule.

Closed Areas: Ruth Cay, just south of St. Croix, is closed to the hunting of migratory game birds. All Offshore Cays under jurisdiction of the Virgin Islands Government are closed to the hunting of migratory game birds.

3. Section 20.102 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.102 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Alaska.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area Seasons		Dates	
North Zone		Sept. 1-Dec. 16	
Gulf Coast Zone		Sept. 1-Dec. 16	
Southeast Zone		Sept. 16-Dec. 31	
Pribilof & Aleutian Islands Zone		Oct. 8-Jan. 22	
Kodiak Zone		Oct. 8-Jan. 22	

Daily Bag and Possession Limits								
Area	Ducks (1)	Canada Geese (2)(3)	White Fronted Geese (4)(5)	Light Geese (6)	Brant	Emperor Geese	Snipe	Sandhill Cranes (7)

North Zone	10-30	4-12	4-12	4-12	2-6	Closed	8-24	3-9
Gulf Coast Zone	8-24	4-12	4-12	4-12	2-6	Closed	8-24	2-6
Southeast Zone	7-21	4-12	4-12	4-12	2-6	Closed	8-24	2-6
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	7-21	4-12	4-12	4-12	2-6	Closed	8-24	2-6
Kodiak Zone	7-21	4-12	4-12	4-12	2-6	Closed	8-24	2-6

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than 1 canvasback daily, and may not include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, sea duck limits of 10 daily, singly or in the aggregate, including no more than 6 each of either harlequin or long-tailed ducks, are allowed. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and common and red-breasted mergansers. The season for Steller's and spectacled eiders is closed.

(2) In Units 5 and 6, the taking of Canada geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada geese is by special permit only. The maximum number of Canada goose permits is 10 for the season. A mandatory goose identification class is required. Hunters must check in and out. The daily bag and possession limit is 1. The season will close if incidental harvest includes 5 dusky Canada geese. A dusky Canada goose is any dark-breasted Canada goose (Munsell 10 YR color value five or less) with a bill length between 40 and 50 millimeters.

(3) In Units 9, 10, 17, and 18, for Canada geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 18.

(4) In Units 9, 10, and 17, for white-fronted geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 18.

(5) In Unit 18, for white-fronted geese, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 30.

(6) Light geese include snow geese and Ross' geese.

(7) In Unit 17 of the North Zone, for sandhill cranes, the daily bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

Falconry: The total combined bag and possession limit for migratory game birds taken with the use of a falcon under a falconry permit is 3 per day, 9 in possession, and may not exceed a more restrictive limit for any species listed in this subsection.

Special Tundra Swan Season: In Units 17, 18, 22, and 23, there will be a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by State registration permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report with the State after the season is completed. Up to 500 permits may be issued in Unit 18; 300 permits each in Units 22 and 23; and 200 permits in Unit 17.

4. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.103 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for doves and pigeons.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Doves.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, the seasons listed below are for mourning and white-winged doves. Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

				Limits	
				Bag	Poss.
<u>EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>					
<u>Alabama</u>	North Zone	12 noon to sunset	Sept. 12 only	15	15
		1/2 hour before	Sept. 13-Nov. 15 &	15	45
		sunrise to sunset	Dec. 5-Dec. 29	15	45
	South Zone	12 noon to sunset	Sept. 19 only	15	15
		1/2 hour before	Sept. 20-Sept. 27 &	15	45
		sunrise to sunset	Oct. 10-Oct. 27 & Nov. 12-Jan. 15	15 15	45 45
<u>Delaware</u>			Sept. 1-Sept. 26 &	15	45
			Oct. 20-Oct. 31 &	15	45
			Nov. 23-Jan. 13	15	45

			Limits	
			Season Dates	Bag Poss.
<u>Florida</u>		12 noon to sunset	Sept. 26-Oct. 26	15 45
		1/2 hour before	Nov. 14-Dec. 7 &	15 45
		sunrise to sunset	Dec. 12-Jan. 15	15 45
<u>Georgia</u>		12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5 only	15 15
		1/2 hour before	Sept. 6-Sept. 20 &	15 45
		sunrise to sunset	Oct. 10-Nov. 1 &	15 45
			Nov. 26-Jan. 15	15 45
<u>Illinois (1)</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 14 &	15 45
			Dec. 26-Jan. 9	15 45
<u>Indiana</u>			Sept. 1-Oct. 18 &	15 45
			Nov. 1-Nov. 8 &	15 45
			Dec. 12-Jan. 10	15 45
<u>Kentucky</u>		11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15 15
		1/2 hour before	Sept. 2-Oct. 26 &	15 45
		sunrise to sunset	Nov. 26-Dec. 6 &	15 45
			Dec. 19-Jan. 10	15 45
<u>Louisiana</u>	North Zone	1/2 hour before	Sept. 5-Sept. 27 &	15 45
		sunrise to sunset	Oct. 10-Nov. 8 &	15 45
			Dec. 10-Jan. 15	15 45
	South Zone	1/2 hour before	Sept. 5-Sept. 13 &	15 45
		sunrise to sunset	Oct. 10-Dec. 1 &	15 45
			Dec. 19-Jan. 15	15 45
<u>Maryland</u>		12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 10	15 45
		1/2 hour before	Oct. 31-Nov. 27 &	15 45
		sunrise to sunset	Dec. 25-Jan. 15	15 45
<u>Mississippi</u>	North Zone		Sept. 4-Oct. 7 &	15 45
			Oct. 10-Oct. 31 &	15 45
			Dec. 13-Jan. 15	15 45
	South Zone		Sept. 4-Sept. 13 &	15 45
			Oct. 10-Nov. 15 &	15 45
			Dec. 4-Jan. 15	15 45

			Limits		
			Bag	Poss.	
			Season Dates		
<u>North Carolina</u>			Sept. 5-Oct. 10 & Nov. 23-Jan. 15	15 15	45 45
<u>Ohio</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 8 & Dec. 12-Jan. 1	15 15	45 45
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	12 noon to sunset		Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45
	1/2 hour before		Sept. 26-Oct. 10 &	15	45
	sunrise to sunset		Oct. 17-Nov. 28 & Dec. 26-Jan. 1	15 15	45 45
<u>Rhode Island</u>	12 noon to sunset		Sept. 12-Oct. 11	15	45
	1/2 hour before		Oct. 17-Nov. 29 &	15	45
	sunrise to sunset		Dec. 12-Dec. 27	15	45
<u>South Carolina</u>	12 noon to sunset		Sept. 5-Sept. 7	15	45
	1/2 hour before		Sept. 8-Oct. 17 &	15	45
	sunrise to sunset		Nov. 14-Nov. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 15	15 15	45 45
<u>Tennessee</u>	12 noon to sunset		Sept. 1 only	15	15
	1/2 hour before		Sept. 2-Sept. 28 &	15	45
	sunrise to sunset		Oct. 10-Nov. 1 & Nov. 28-Jan. 5	15 15	45 45
<u>Virginia</u>	12 noon to sunset		Sept. 5-Sept. 11	15	45
	1/2 hour before		Sept. 12-Nov. 1 &	15	45
	sunrise to sunset		Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 24-Jan. 15	15 15	45 45
<u>West Virginia</u>	12 noon to sunset		Sept. 1 only	15	15
	1/2 hour before		Sept. 2-Oct. 17 &	15	45
	sunrise to sunset		Nov. 2-Nov. 21 & Dec. 21-Jan. 12	15 15	45 45
<u>Wisconsin</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 29	15	45
<u>CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>					
<u>Arkansas</u>			Sept. 5-Oct. 24 &	15	45

			Limits	
			Season Dates	Bag Poss.
			Dec. 19-Jan. 7	15 45
<u>Colorado</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
<u>Iowa</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
<u>Kansas</u>			Sept. 1-Oct. 31 & Nov. 7-Nov. 15	15 45 15 45
<u>Minnesota</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
<u>Missouri</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
<u>Montana</u>			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15 45
<u>Nebraska</u>			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15 45
<u>New Mexico</u>	North Zone		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
	South Zone		Sept. 1-Oct. 13 & Dec. 5-Dec. 31	15 45 15 45
<u>North Dakota</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
<u>Oklahoma</u>			Sept. 1-Oct. 31 & Dec. 19-Dec. 27	15 45 15 45
<u>South Dakota</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45
<u>Texas</u> (2)	North Zone		Sept. 1-Oct. 25 & Dec. 18-Jan. 1	15 45 15 45
	Central Zone		Sept. 1-Oct. 25 & Dec. 18-Jan. 1	15 45 15 45
	South Zone	Special Area	Sept. 18-Oct. 21 & Dec. 18-Jan. 18	15 45 15 45
		(Special Season)	Sept. 5-Sept. 6 & Sept. 12-Sept. 13	15 45 15 45
	Remainder of the South Zone		Sept. 18-Oct. 21 & Dec. 18-Jan. 22	15 45 15 45
<u>Wyoming</u>			Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 45

		Limits	
	Season Dates	Bag	Poss.
<u>WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arizona</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 &	15	45
	Nov. 26-Jan. 9	15	45
<u>California</u> (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 &	15	45
	Nov. 14-Dec. 28	15	45
<u>Idaho</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	45
<u>Nevada</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	45
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	45
<u>Utah</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	45
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	30
<u>OTHER POPULATIONS</u>			
<u>Hawaii</u> (5)	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 &	10	30
	Dec. 5-Dec. 27 &	10	30
	Jan. 1-Jan. 18	10	30

(1) In Illinois, shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

(2) In Texas, the daily bag limit is either 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves with a maximum 70-day season. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit. During the special season in the Special White-winged Dove Area of the South Zone, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be mourning doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

(3) In Arizona, during September 1 through 15, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 10 may be white-wing doves. During November 26 through January 9, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves.

(4) In California, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 10 may be white-wing doves.

(5) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag limits are 10 mourning doves, spotted doves and chestnut-bellied sandgrouse in the aggregate. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is permitted only on weekends and State holidays.

(b) Band-tailed Pigeons.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Arizona</u>	Sept. 4-Sept. 17	2	6
<u>California</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	2	6
South Zone	Dec. 19-Dec. 27	2	6
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	2	6
<u>New Mexico</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 14	2	6
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	6
<u>Utah</u> (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	2	6
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	6

(1) In Utah, each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit issued by the State.

5. Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons will select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	75 (1)	45 (2)	9	24

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

<u>Connecticut</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Oct. 23-Nov. 21 & Nov. 23-Dec. 7	Oct. 23-Nov. 21 & Nov. 23-Dec. 7
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 23-Dec. 5 & Dec. 12-Jan. 12	Sept. 22-Dec. 5 & Dec. 12-Jan. 12
<u>Florida</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 25-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Dec. 8	Sept. 25-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Dec. 8	Dec. 5-Jan. 18	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
<u>Maine</u> (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Maryland</u> (5)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Oct. 30-Nov. 27 & Jan. 15-Jan. 30	Sept. 30-Nov. 27 & Dec. 14-Jan. 30
<u>Massachusetts</u> (6)	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
<u>New Jersey</u> (7)				
North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Oct. 17-Nov. 21	Sept. 18-Jan. 2
South Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Nov. 7-Nov. 28 & Dec. 19-Jan. 1	Sept. 18-Jan. 2
<u>New York</u> (8)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 3 &	Sept. 1-Oct. 3 &	Dec. 17-Jan. 30	Nov. 13-Feb. 27

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	75 (1)	45 (2)	9	24
	Oct. 23-Nov. 28	Oct. 23-Nov. 28		
<u>Pennsylvania</u> (9)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 28	Oct. 17-Nov. 28
<u>Rhode Island</u> (10)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Oct. 25-Dec. 27	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Oct. 25-Dec. 27	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Vermont</u>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Oct. 1-Nov. 14
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 8-Nov. 16	Sept. 8-Nov. 16	Nov. 23-Dec. 5 & Dec. 15-Jan. 15	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Oct. 21-Jan. 31
<u>West Virginia</u> (11)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Alabama</u> (12)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Sept. 5-Sept. 20 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 12-Nov. 20	Closed	Nov. 7-Dec. 21	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
<u>Illinois</u> (13)	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 5-Dec. 20
<u>Indiana</u> (14)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Iowa</u> (15)	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Closed	Oct. 3-Nov. 16	Sept. 5-Nov. 30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1-Dec. 15	Sept. 16-Oct. 25 & Nov. 26-Jan. 31
<u>Louisiana</u> (16)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Deferred
<u>Michigan</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 1-Nov. 9

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	75 (1)	45 (2)	9	24
<u>Minnesota</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 2	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 1-Nov. 2
<u>Mississippi</u>	Sept. 12-Nov. 20	Sept. 12-Nov. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Missouri</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 10-Nov. 23	Sept. 1-Nov. 29 & Dec. 19-Jan. 4
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 31-Dec. 14	Nov. 15-Feb. 29
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Deferred
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Nebraska</u> (17)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Mexico</u> (18)	Sept. 12-Nov. 20	Closed	Closed	Oct. 24-Feb. 7
<u>North Dakota</u>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 26-Nov. 9	Sept. 19-Dec. 6
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1-Dec. 15	Oct. 1-Jan. 15
<u>South Dakota</u> (19)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Oct. 31-Dec. 23	Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Oct. 31-Dec. 23	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 31-Feb. 14
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	75 (1)	45 (2)	9	24

PACIFIC FLYWAY

<u>Arizona</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>California</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 24-Feb. 7
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Idaho:</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Nevada</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>New Mexico</u>	Sept. 12-Nov. 20	Closed	Closed	Oct. 24-Feb. 7
<u>Oregon</u>				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 7-Feb. 21
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 10-Dec. 6 & Dec. 9-Jan. 24
<u>Utah</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Washington</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

(1) The daily bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species.

(2) All daily bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species and, unless otherwise specified, the limits are in addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails in all States. In Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.

(3) In Connecticut, the daily bag and possession limits may not contain more than 1 king rail.

- (4) In Maine, the daily bag and possession limit for sora and Virginia rails is 25.
- (5) In Maryland, no more than 1 king rail may be taken per day.
- (6) In Massachusetts, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 10 daily and 30 in possession.
- (7) In New Jersey, the season for king rail is closed by State regulation.
- (8) In New York, the rail daily bag and possession limits are 8 and 24, respectively. Seasons for sora and Virginia rails and snipe are closed on Long Island.
- (9) In Pennsylvania, the daily bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails, singly or in the aggregate, are 3 and 9, respectively.
- (10) In Rhode Island, the sora and Virginia rails limits are 3 daily and 9 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the clapper and king rail limits are 1 daily and 3 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.
- (11) In West Virginia, the daily bag and possession limit for sora and Virginia rails is 25; the possession limit for snipe is 16.
- (12) In Alabama, the daily bag and possession limit for all rails, singly or in the aggregate, is 15.
- (13) In Illinois, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (14) In Indiana, the season on Virginia rails is closed.
- (15) In Iowa, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 24 in possession.
- (16) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.
- (17) In Nebraska, the rail limits are 10 daily and 30 in possession.
- (18) In New Mexico, in the Central Flyway portion of the State, the rail limits are 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- (19) In South Dakota, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

6. Section 20.105 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-seasons regulations for further information.

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules.

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Delaware</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	45
<u>Florida</u> (1)		Sept. 1-Nov.9	15	45
<u>Georgia</u>		Deferred	--	--
<u>New Jersey</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 7	10	30
<u>New York</u>	Long Island	Closed	--	--
	Remainder of State	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	8	24
<u>North Carolina</u>		Sept. 1-Oct. 3 &	15	45
		Oct. 23-Nov. 28	15	45
<u>Pennsylvania</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	3	9
<u>South Carolina</u>		Sept. 26-Oct. 1 &	15	45
		Oct. 25-Dec. 27	15	45
<u>Virginia</u>		Sept. 8-Nov. 16	15	45
<u>West Virginia</u>		Deferred	--	--

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Alabama</u>		Sept. 5-Sept. 20 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	15 15	45 45
<u>Arkansas</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	45
<u>Kentucky</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	3	9
<u>Louisiana</u> (2)		Sept. 12-Sept. 27	15	45
<u>Michigan</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	1	3
<u>Minnesota</u>		Deferred	--	--
<u>Mississippi</u>		Sept. 12-Nov. 20	15	45
<u>Ohio</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	45
<u>Tennessee</u>		Deferred	--	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>		Deferred	--	--
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>New Mexico</u>	Zone 1	Sept. 26-Dec. 4	1	3
	Zone 2	Sept. 26-Dec. 4	1	3
<u>Oklahoma</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	45
<u>Texas</u>		Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Oct. 31-Dec. 23	15 15	45 45
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>All States</u>		Deferred	--	--

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.

(2) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season

selections.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks in Atlantic Flyway).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks, singly or in the aggregate, of which no more than 4 may be scoters. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit. These limits may be in addition to regular duck bag limits only during the regular duck season in the special sea duck hunting areas.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Connecticut</u> (1)	Sept. 22-Jan. 20	5	15
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 29-Jan. 30	7	21
<u>Georgia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Maine</u> (2)	Oct. 1-Jan. 30	7	21
<u>Maryland</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>New Hampshire</u> (3)	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	7	21
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 29-Jan. 30	7	21
<u>New York</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>North Carolina</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Oct. 10-Jan. 24	5	15
<u>South Carolina</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--

NOTE: Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine,

Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

- (1) In Connecticut, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 long-tailed ducks.
- (2) In Maine, the daily bag limit for eiders is 4, and the possession limit is 12.
- (3) In New Hampshire, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks.

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u> (1)	Sept. 11-Sept. 29	6	18
<u>Florida</u> (2)	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Maryland</u> (1)	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	6	18
<u>North Carolina</u> (1)	Sept. 12-Sept. 30	6	18
<u>South Carolina</u> (3)	Sept. 11-Sept. 26	6	18
<u>Virginia</u> (1)	Sept. 17-Sept. 30	6	18
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Arkansas</u> (3)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Illinois</u> (3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	6	18
<u>Indiana</u> (3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	6	18

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Iowa</u>	(3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	6	18
<u>Kentucky</u>	(2)	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Louisiana</u>		Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Michigan</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 7	6	18
<u>Mississippi</u>		Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Missouri</u>	(3)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Ohio</u>	(3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	6	18
<u>Tennessee</u>	(2)	Sept. 12-Sept. 20	6	18
<u>Wisconsin</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 7	6	18
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Colorado</u>	(1)	Sept. 12-Sept. 20	6	18
<u>Kansas</u>	Low Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
	High Plains	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Nebraska</u>	Low Plains	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	6	18
	High Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 20	6	18
<u>New Mexico</u>		Sept. 12-Sept. 19	6	18
<u>Oklahoma</u>		Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
<u>Texas</u>	High Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18
	Rest of State	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	6	18

(1) Area restrictions. See State regulations.

(2) In Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee, the daily bag limit for the first 5 days of the season is 6

wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be wood ducks. During the last 4 days of the season, the daily bag limit is 6 teal only. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(3) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(d) Special Early Canada Goose Seasons.

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Connecticut</u> (1)	North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Sept. 8-Sept. 30	15	45
			15	45
	South Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>Delaware</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45
<u>Florida</u>		Sept. 5-Sept. 27	5	15
<u>Georgia</u>		Sept. 5-Sept. 27	5	15
<u>Maine</u>	Northern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	6	18
	Southern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	10	30
	Coastal Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	10	30
<u>Maryland</u> (1)(2)	Eastern Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	8	24
	Western Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	24
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Central Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	7	21
	Coastal Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	7	21
	Western Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	7	21
<u>New Hampshire</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	15
<u>New Jersey</u> (1)(2)(3)		Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>New York</u> (4)	Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	24
	Northeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45
	East Central Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
	Hudson Valley Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45
	West Central Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45
	South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	45
	Western Long Island Zone	Closed		
	Central Long Island Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 30	15	45
	Eastern Long Island Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>North Carolina</u>	(5)(6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	(7)			
	SJBP Zone (8)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	3	9
	Rest of State (9)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	24
<u>Rhode Island</u>	(1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>South Carolina</u>	Early-Season Hunt Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>Vermont</u>	Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	24
	Interior Vermont Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	24
	Connecticut River Zone (10)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	15
<u>Virginia</u>	(11)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	10	30
<u>West Virginia</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 12	5	15
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Alabama</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Arkansas</u>	Northwest Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
	Rest of State	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Illinois</u>	North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
	Central Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
	South Central Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	6
	South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	6
<u>Indiana</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Iowa</u>	South Goose Zone:			
	Des Moines Goose Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	5	15
	Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Goose	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	5	15

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
	Zone			
	Remainder of South Zone	Closed		
	North Goose Zone:			
	Cedar Falls/Waterloo Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	5	15
	Remainder of North Zone	Closed		
<u>Kentucky</u> (12)		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Michigan</u>	North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	15
	Middle Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
	South Zone:			
	Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	15
	Rest of South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Minnesota</u>	Northwest Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	5	15
	Intensive Harvest Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	10	30
	Remainder of State	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	5	15
<u>Mississippi</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Ohio</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Tennessee</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Wisconsin</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>North Dakota</u>	Missouri River Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	15	45
	Remainder of State	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	15	45
<u>Oklahoma</u>		Sept. 12-Sept. 21	8	24
<u>South Dakota</u> (12)		Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	45
<u>Texas</u>	East Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	5	15
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Colorado</u>		Sept. 1-Sept. 9	4	12

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>Idaho</u>	Zone 4	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Oregon</u>	Northwest Permit Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 20	5	15
	Southwest Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 15	5	15
	Eastern Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 15	5	15
	Klamath County Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 15	5	15
	Harney and Lake County Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 15	5	15
	Malheur County Zone	Sept. 12-Sept. 15	5	15
<u>Washington</u>	Management Area 2B	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	15	45
	Management Areas 1 & 3	Sept. 10-Sept. 15	5	15
	Management Area 4 & 5	Sept. 13-Sept. 14	3	9
	Management Area 2A	Sept. 10-Sept. 15	3	9
<u>Wyoming</u>	Teton County Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	3	9
	Balance of State Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	2	6

- (1) Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- (2) The use of shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells is allowed.
- (3) The use of electronic calls is allowed.
- (4) In New York, in all areas except the Northeastern and Southeastern Goose Hunting Area, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, the use of shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells is allowed, and the use of electronic calls is allowed. In the Northeastern and Southeastern Goose Hunting Areas, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells are allowed, and electronic calls are allowed only from September 1 to September 18 and September 21 to September 25. On September 19 and September 20, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, shotguns must be capable of holding no more than 3 shotshells, and electronic calls are not allowed.
- (5) In North Carolina, the use of unplugged guns and electronic calls is allowed in that area west of U.S. Highway 17 only.
- (6) In North Carolina, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in that area west of U.S. Highway 17 only.
- (7) In Pennsylvania, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 18, September 20 to September 25. On September 19,

shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(8) In Pennsylvania, in the area south of SR 198 from the Ohio State line to intersection of SR 18, SR 18 south to SR 618, SR 618 south to U.S. Route 6, U.S. Route 6 east to U.S. Route 322/SR 18, U.S. Route 322/SR 18 west to intersection of SR 3013, SR 3013 south to the Crawford/Mercer County line, not including the Pymatuning State Park Reservoir and an area to extend 100 yards inland from the shoreline of the reservoir, excluding the area east of SR 3011 (Hartstown Road), the daily bag limit is one goose with a possession limit of 3 geese. The season is closed on State Game Lands 214. However, during the youth waterfowl hunting day on September 19, regular season regulations apply.

(9) In Pennsylvania, in the area of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, east of SR 501 to SR 419, south of SR 419 to the Lebanon-Berks County line, west of the Lebanon-Berks County line and the Lancaster-Berks County line to SR 1053, west of SR 1053 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, the daily bag limit is 1 goose with a possession limit of 3 geese. On State Game Lands No. 46 (Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area), the season is closed. However, during the youth waterfowl hunting day on September 19, regular season regulations apply.

(10) In Vermont, the season in the Connecticut River Zone is the same as the New Hampshire Inland Zone season, set by New Hampshire.

(11) In Virginia, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 16, and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset from September 17 to September 25 in the area east of I-95 where the September teal season is open. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 20, and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset from September 21 to September 25 in the area west of I-95.

(12) See State regulations for additional information and restrictions.

(e) Regular Goose Seasons.

Note: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season. Additional season dates occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.

		<u>Limits</u>	
		Bag	Possession
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<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Michigan</u>			
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 11-Dec. 11	2	6

			<u>Limits</u>	
Season Dates			Bag	Possession
White-fronted Geese:	Middle Zone	Sept. 19-Dec. 19	2	6
	South Zone:			
	Muskegon GMU	Deferred	--	--
	Allegan Co. GMU	Deferred	--	--
	Saginaw Co. GMU	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	2	6
	Tuscola/Huron Co. GMU	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	2	6
	Remainder of Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	2	6
	North Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 26	1	3
	Middle Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 26	1	3
	South Zone:			
	Muskegon GMU	Deferred	--	--
	Allegan Co. GMU	Deferred	--	--
Light Geese:	Saginaw Co. GMU	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	1	3
	Tuscola/Huron Co. GMU	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	1	3
	Remainder of Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	1	3
	North Zone	Sept. 11-Dec. 11	20	60
	Middle Zone	Sept. 19-Dec. 19	20	60
	South Zone:			
	Muskegon GMU	Deferred	--	--
	Allegan Co. GMU	Deferred	--	--
	Saginaw Co. GMU	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	20	60
	Tuscola/Huron Co. GMU	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	20	60
	Remainder of Zone	Deferred	--	--
	Brant:			
North Zone	Same as for Light Geese	1	3	
Middle Zone	Same as for Light Geese	1	3	
South Zone	Same as for Light Geese	1	3	
<u>Wisconsin</u>				
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	2	6
	South Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	2	6
	Mississippi River Zone	Deferred	--	--
	Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	Tag System	
White-fronted Geese:				
	North Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	1	3

	Season Dates	<u>Limits</u>	
		Bag	Possession
South Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	1	3
Mississippi River Zone	Deferred	--	--
Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for Canada		
	Geese	20	--
	Same as for Canada		
Brant	Geese	1	3

(f) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.

The following seasons are open only to youth hunters. Youth hunters must be accompanied into the field by an adult at least 18 years of age. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

Definitions

Youth Hunters: Includes youths 15 years of age or younger.

The Atlantic Flyway: Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The Mississippi Flyway: Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The Central Flyway: Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, and all Counties east thereof), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

The Pacific Flyway: Includes Arizona, California, Colorado (west of the Continental Divide), Idaho, Montana (including and to the west of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties), Nevada, New Mexico (the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation and west of the Continental Divide), Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (west of the Continental Divide including the Great Divide Basin).

Note: In States where zones are not identified, seasons are statewide. Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season unless there is a special season already open (e.g., September Canada goose season), in which case, that season's daily bag limit will prevail.

		<u>Season Dates</u>
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Connecticut</u>		Deferred
<u>Delaware</u>	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 17 & Feb. 6
<u>Florida</u>		Deferred
<u>Georgia</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 14 & 15
<u>Maine</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
	North Zone	Sept. 19 & Dec. 12
	South Zone	Sept. 26 & Oct. 24
	Coastal Zone	Sept. 26 & Nov. 7
<u>Maryland</u> (1)		Deferred
<u>Massachusetts</u>		Deferred
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>New Jersey</u>		Deferred
<u>New York</u> (2)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, brant, and Canada geese	
	Long Island Zone	Nov. 14 & 15
	Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 26 & 27
	Northeastern Zone	Sept. 19 & 20
	Southeastern Zone	Sept. 19 & 20
	Western Zone	Oct. 3 & 4
<u>North Carolina</u>		Deferred
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese, coots, and moorhens	Sept. 19
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Ducks, mergansers, geese, and coots	Oct. 24 & 25
<u>South Carolina</u>		Deferred
<u>Vermont</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 26 & 27

		<u>Season Dates</u>
<u>Virginia</u>		Deferred
<u>West Virginia</u> (3)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 19 & Nov. 7
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Alabama</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 21 & Feb. 6
<u>Arkansas</u>		Deferred
<u>Illinois</u>		Deferred
<u>Indiana</u>		Deferred
<u>Iowa</u>		Deferred
<u>Kentucky</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules West Zone East Zone	Feb. 6 & 7 Nov. 7 & 8
<u>Louisiana</u>		Deferred
<u>Michigan</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 12 & 13
<u>Minnesota</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 12
<u>Mississippi</u>		Deferred
<u>Missouri</u>		Deferred
<u>Ohio</u>		Deferred
<u>Tennessee</u>		Deferred
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		

		<u>Season Dates</u>
<u>Colorado</u>	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots Mountain/Foothills Zone Northeast Zone Southeast Zone	Sept. 26 & 27 Oct. 3 & 4 Oct. 17 & 18
<u>Kansas</u> (4)		Deferred
<u>Montana</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>Nebraska</u> (5)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Deferred
<u>New Mexico</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens North Zone South Zone	Sept. 26 & 27 Oct. 10 & 11
<u>North Dakota</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>Oklahoma</u>		Deferred
<u>South Dakota</u>	Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>Texas</u>		Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots Zone C1 Zone C2 Zone C3	Sept. 26 & 27 Sept. 19 & 20 Sept. 19 & 20
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>		Deferred
<u>California</u>	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and moorhens Northeastern Zone Colorado River Zone Southern Zone Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone Balance of State Zone	Sept. 26 & 27 Jan. 30 & 31 Feb. 6 & 7 Feb. 6 & 7 Feb. 6 & 7
<u>Colorado</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 17 & 18

		<u>Season Dates</u>
<u>Idaho</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
	Zone 1	Sept. 26 & 27
	Zones 2 & 3	Deferred
<u>Montana</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>Nevada</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	
	Northeast Zone	Sept. 12 & 13
	South Zone	Deferred
<u>New Mexico</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	Oct. 3 & 4
<u>Oregon</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>Utah</u>	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19
<u>Washington</u> (6)	Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>Wyoming</u>	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19 & 20

(1) In Maryland, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid Maryland hunting license (or be exempt from the license requirement). This accompanying adult may not shoot or possess a firearm.

(2) In New York, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 3.

(3) In West Virginia, the accompanying adult must be at least 18 years of age.

(4) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth must possess any licenses and/or stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.

(5) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional information on the daily bag limit.

(6) In Washington, the Canada goose season is closed in Goose Areas 2A and 2B.

7. Section 20.106 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and

possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090).

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take sandhill cranes at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Kentucky</u> (1)		Dec. 12-Jan. 10	2	2
<u>Minnesota</u> (1)	NW Goose Zone	Sept. 12-Oct. 18	1	3
<u>Tennessee</u> (1)		Deferred	--	--
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Colorado</u> (1)		Oct. 3-Nov. 29	3	9
<u>Kansas</u> (1)(2)(3)		Nov. 11-Jan. 7	3	9
<u>Montana</u>	Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 3-Nov. 29	3	9 per season
	Special Season Area (4)	Sept. 12-Oct. 4	2 per season	
<u>New Mexico</u>	Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	3	6
	Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (4)(5)	Oct. 24-Oct. 25 &	2 per season	

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
		Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 7 & Nov. 28-Nov. 29 & Jan. 9-Jan. 10	2 per season 2 per season 2 per season 2 per season	
	Southwest Area (4)	Oct. 24-Nov. 1 & Jan. 2-Jan. 3	2 per season 2 per season	
	Estancia Valley (4)	Oct. 24-Nov. 1	3	6
<u>North Dakota</u> (1)	Area 1	Sept. 19-Nov. 15	3	9
	Area 2	Sept. 19-Nov. 15	2	6
<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)		Deferred	--	--
<u>South Dakota</u> (1)		Sept. 26-Nov. 22	3	9
<u>Texas</u> (1)		Deferred	--	--
<u>Wyoming</u>	Regular Season (Area 7) (1)	Sept. 19-Nov. 15	3	9
	Riverton-Boysen Unit (Area 4) (4)	Sept. 19-Oct. 11	1 per season	
	Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie Counties (Area 6) (4)	Sept. 19-Oct. 11	1 per season	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Arizona</u> (4)	Special Season Area	Nov. 13-Nov. 15& Nov. 17-Nov. 19 & Nov. 21-Nov. 23 & Nov. 25-Nov. 27 & Nov. 29-Dec. 1 & Dec. 4-Dec. 6	3 per season 3 per season 3 per season 3 per season 3 per season 3 per season	
<u>Idaho</u> (4)	Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2 per season	
<u>Montana</u> (4)(6)	Zone 1	Sept. 12-Oct. 4	1	1
	Zone 2	Sept. 12-Oct. 4	2	2
	Zone 3	Sept. 12-Oct. 4	2	2
	Zone 4	Sept. 12-Oct. 4	1	1
<u>Utah</u> (4)	Rich County	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	1 per season	

		Limits	
		Season Dates	Bag Possession
<u>Wyoming</u> (4)	Cache County	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	1 per season
	East Box Elder County	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	1 per season
	Uintah County	Sept. 19-Oct. 18	1 per season
	Area 1	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season
	Area 2	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season
	Area 3	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season
	Area 5	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season

(1) Each person participating in the regular sandhill crane seasons must have a valid sandhill crane hunting permit and/or a State-issued Harvest Information Survey Program (HIP) certification for game bird hunting in their possession while hunting.

(2) In Kansas, shooting hours are from sunrise until sunset.

(3) In Kansas, each person desiring to hunt sandhill cranes is required to pass an annual, online sandhill crane identification examination.

(4) Hunting is by State permit only. See State regulations for further information.

(5) In New Mexico, in the Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (Bernardo WMA and Casa Colorado WMA), the season is only open for youth hunters on November 7. See State regulations for further details.

(6) In Montana, the possession limit is 2 per season.

8. Section 20.109 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51090). For those extended seasons for ducks, mergansers, and coots, area descriptions were published in an August 25, 2015, Federal Register (80 FR 51658) and will be published again in a late-September 2015, Federal Register.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL

RESTRICTIONS.

Daily bag limit3 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

Possession limit.....9 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons — unless further restricted by State regulations. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to regular season limits. Unless otherwise specified, extended falconry for ducks does not include sea ducks within the special sea duck areas. Only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Many States permit falconry during the gun seasons. Please consult State regulations for details.

For ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and some moorhen seasons; additional season days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections. Some States have deferred selections. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

Extended Falconry Dates		
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Delaware</u>	Doves	Jan. 14-Jan. 30
	Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Woodcock	Oct. 21-Oct. 24 & Jan. 13-Mar. 10
<u>Florida</u>	Doves	Jan. 16-Feb. 1
	Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 9
	Common moorhens	Nov. 10-Dec. 14
<u>Georgia</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks	Nov. 30-Dec. 7
<u>Maryland</u>	Doves	Jan. 16- Feb. 1
	Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Woodcock	Oct. 1-Oct. 29 & Feb. 7-Mar. 10
<u>North Carolina</u>	Doves	Oct. 15-Oct. 31
	Rails, moorhens, and gallinules	Dec. 5-Jan. 9

		Extended Falconry Dates
	Woodcock	Nov. 7-Dec. 5 & Feb. 1-Feb. 27
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Doves	Oct. 12-Oct. 16 & Nov. 30-Dec. 11
	Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Woodcock and snipe	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 30-Dec. 17
	Moorhens and gallinules	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
<u>Virginia</u>	Doves	Dec. 23 & Jan. 16-Jan. 31
	Woodcock	Oct. 17-Nov. 22 & Dec. 6-Dec. 14 & Jan. 16-Jan. 31
	Rails, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 17-Dec. 23
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Illinois</u>	Doves	Nov. 15-Dec. 1
	Rails	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Nov. 14-Dec. 16
	Woodcock	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Dec. 1-Dec. 16
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 10-Mar. 10
<u>Indiana</u>	Doves	Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Jan. 11-Jan. 17
	Woodcock	Sept. 20-Oct. 14 & Nov. 29-Jan. 4
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 27-Sept. 30
		North Zone
<u>Louisiana</u>	Doves	Sept. 13-Sept. 29
	Woodcock	Oct. 28-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Feb. 11
<u>Minnesota</u>	Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 18 & Nov. 3-Dec. 16
	Rails and snipe	Nov. 3-Dec. 16

			Extended Falconry Dates
	Doves		Nov. 10-Dec. 16
<u>Missouri</u>	Doves		Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Sept. 12-Sept. 27
<u>Tennessee</u>	Doves		Sept. 29-Oct. 9 & Nov. 2-Nov. 7
	Ducks (1)		Sept. 15-Oct. 20
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1)		Sept. 1-Sept. 25
	Woodcock		Sept. 1-Sept. 18
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Sept. 19-Sept. 20
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Montana</u> (2)	Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)		Sept. 23-Sept. 30
<u>Nebraska</u>	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Zone 1	Sept. 5-Sept. 20
		Zone 2:	
		Low Plains	Sept. -Sept. 20
		High Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 20
		Zone 3:	
		Low Plains	Sept. 5-Sept. 20
		High Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 20
		Zone 4	Sept. 5-Sept. 20
<u>New Mexico</u>	Doves	North Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 12 & Nov. 28-Dec. 31
		South Zone	Oct. 14-Nov. 12 & Nov. 28-Dec. 4
	Ducks and coots		Sept. 12-Sept. 19
	Sandhill cranes	Regular Season Area	Oct. 17-Oct. 30
		Estancia Valley Area	Nov. 2-Dec. 22
		(3)	
	Common moorhens		Dec. 5-Jan. 10

			Extended Falconry Dates
	Sora and Virginia rails		Nov. 21-Dec. 27
<u>North Dakota</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and snipe		Sept. 7-Sept. 11 & Sept. 14-Sept. 18
<u>South Dakota</u>	Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	High Plains	Oct. 2-Oct. 9
		Low Plains:	
		North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25
		Middle Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25
		South Zone	Sept. 15-Oct. 9
<u>Texas</u>	Doves		Nov. 7-Dec. 13
	Rails, gallinules, and woodcock		Feb. 1-Feb. 14
<u>Wyoming</u>	Rails		Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Zone C1	Sept. 26-Sept. 27 & Oct. 22-Oct. 29
		Zone C2 & C3	Sept. 19-Sept. 25 & Dec. 7-Dec. 9
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Arizona</u>	Doves		Sept. 16-Nov. 1
<u>New Mexico</u>	Doves	North Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 12 & Nov. 28-Dec. 31
		South Zone	Oct. 14-Nov. 12 & Nov. 28-Dec. 4
<u>Oregon</u>	Doves		Oct. 31-Dec. 16
	Band-tailed pigeons (4)		Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 24-Dec. 16
<u>Utah</u>	Doves		Nov. 1-Dec. 16
	Band-tailed pigeons		Oct. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Washington</u>	Doves		Oct. 31-Dec. 16

Extended Falconry Dates		
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 19-Sept. 20

(1) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections.

(2) In Montana, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

(3) In New Mexico, the bag limit for sandhill cranes in the Estancia Valley Area is 2 per day and the possession limit is 2 per season.

(4) In Oregon, no more than 1 pigeon daily in bag or possession.

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